



Director-General Tseng (center) with Panamanian Ambassador Alfredo Martiz (2nd left) and Mrs. Martiz (1st left).

■ Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies Hosted at the University of Jagiellonian

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) of the NCL in cooperation with the University of Jagiellonian, Poland, organized the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” on May 18. Prof. Lawrence C. H. Yim (嚴志雄) from the Chinese University of Hong Kong was invited and spoke on “Wu Weiye’s (吳偉業, 1609-1672) ‘Song of the Lute’: A Mourning Song for the Fallen Country.” This talk was included in the seminar of “Jagiellonian Window to China” organized by the university.



Prof. Yim speaks on “Wu Weiye’s (1609-1672) ‘Song of the Lute’: A Mourning Song for the Fallen Country” at the Taiwan Lecture for Chinese Studies.

Prof. Yim argued that the first and the last sections of Wu’s poem consist of a nuanced dialogue

in which the doomed fate of the late Ming is played out in terms of the differences between the Southern and Northern cultures. He continued that here in the poem, Wu muses on the music, culture, and living style of late-Ming Jiangnan, which are regrettably seen as elements contributing to the demise of the Ming house. To conclude, Prof. Yim pointed out “Song of the Lute” tenderly expresses a sense of self-criticism, and can be considered as a confession of guilt.

In celebration of TRCCS’s first anniversary set up at the Jagiellonian University in May last year, Director-General Tseng was invited to speak at the conference as the keynote speaker. Director-General Tseng spoke on “Digital Curation for Cultural and Intellectual Assets—Recent Efforts of the National Central Library.” Participants were impressed by NCL’s efforts in digitizing its collections and willingness to share Taiwan’s digitization materials.



Director-General Tseng speaks at the seminar of “Jagiellonian Window to China.”

■ The NCL Holds the Foundation Training Course in Pingtung County

To assist Pingtung (屏東) County in improving its library services and enhancing the professional skills of its library staff, the National Central Library (NCL) recently held the Pingtung County Foundation Training Course in Public Library Management. Seven experts and scholars were

invited to give lectures. The course's opening ceremony took place on June 3. NCL Director-General Tseng expressed the NCL's dedication to assisting local public libraries with the training of their library staff. The NCL actively visits local areas to keep library information professionals abreast of developments in the field, enhancing their professional sense of achievement.



Director-General Tseng (center) poses with course participants and distinguished guests.

The training course consisted of seven sessions held over four days with the following themes: Library Space and Environment Design; IT and Internet Management; Access to the NCL's Digital Resources and E-Learning Campus in Practice; Collection Development and Library Acquisition; Reference Materials and Services; Quality Management and Client Satisfaction; and Reader Services and Reading Promotion.

The 4-day training was attended by 32 local library staff from all over Pingtung County.

■ The 9th Intercollegiate Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Presentation and Competition, 2017

The NCL and Southern Taiwan University of Science Technology (STUST) co-hosted the intercollegiate outstanding theses and dissertations authorization presentation and competition on May

26. This was the ninth year of the event, which also aims to promote the authorization of full-text open access to theses and dissertations.

The NCL is Taiwan's legal repository for theses and dissertations. Each university by law must deposit both electronic and hard copies of its theses and dissertations, and grant open access to them in principle. The NCL adheres to the free, equal and open spirit of Open Access. To promote the pooling and sharing of Taiwan's degree dissertations, the NCL created the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan.



The award winners, with NCL Director-General Tseng and distinguished guests.

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Director-General Tseng (left) awards the prize for Best Group Co-operation.